



CHAPTER IV

THE INTERPRETATION OF *SIHR*

A. *Sihrin Al Qur'an*

It is revealed in one of the opening chapters of the Noble Quran:

وَاتَّبِعُوا مَا تَتْلُو الشَّيَاطِينُ عَلَىٰ مُلْكٍ سُلَيْمَانَ وَمَا كَفَرَ سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَكِنَّ الشَّيَاطِينَ كَفَرُوا يُعَلِّمُونَ
النَّاسَ السِّحْرَ وَمَا أُنْزِلَ عَلَى الْمَلَكَيْنِ بِبَابِلَ هَارُوتَ وَمَارُوتَ وَمَا يُعَلِّمَانِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ حَتَّى يَقُولَا إِنَّمَا نَحْنُ
فِتْنَةٌ فَلَا تَكْفُرْ فَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مِنْهُمَا مَا يُفَرِّقُونَ بِهِ بَيْنَ الْمَرْءِ وَزَوْجِهِ وَمَا هُمْ بِضَارِّينَ بِهِ مِنْ أَحَدٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ
اللَّهِ وَيَتَعَلَّمُونَ مَا يَضُرُّهُمْ وَلَا يَنْفَعُهُمْ وَلَقَدْ عَلِمُوا لَمَنِ اشْتَرَاهُ مَا لَهُ فِي الْآخِرَةِ مِنْ خَلَاقٍ وَلَبِئْسَ مَا
شَرُّوا بِهِ أَنْفُسَهُمْ لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ.

“ And they followed [instead] what the devils had recited during the reign of Prophet Sulaiman. It was not Prophet Sulaiman who disbelieved, but the devils disbelieved, teaching people magic and that which was revealed to the two angels at Babylon, Harut and Marut. But the two angels do not teach anyone unless they say, “We are a trial, so do not disbelieve [by practicing magic].” And [yet] they learn from them that by which they cause separation between a man and his wife. But they do not harm anyone through it except by permission of Allah . And the people learn what harms them and does not benefit them. But the Children of Israel certainly knew that whoever purchased the magic would not have in the Hereafter any share. And wretched is that for which they sold themselves, if they only knew “



... And if they had believed, and guarded themselves from evil and kept their duty to Allah, far better would have been the reward from their Lord, if they but knew!

A very long time ago, in one of the most ancient cities in the world. A city referred to in the Bible as Babel, came two angels sent to test mankind with forbidden knowledge. The Forbidden Arts or Dark Arts was no different in its destructiveness then the other temptations men dealt with in the world, but this knowledge was like none that ever came before it. This Forbidden knowledge would cost a hefty price, it would cost the practitioner's afterlife. The angels warned men if they pursued this knowledge they would have no share in the afterlife. The only destination being the Fires of Hell. From ancient folklore it is said to be a common tradition that when a chief among the practitioners of this dark arts would be asked by someone to learn from them, they would send them upon trials and tests trying to discourage them from learning this art, imagine if the angels did the same. They put these men through endless horrors and trials in order to discourage them yet they insisted, they insisted on learning this dark arts and damning their souls.

These two angels would be carved into the annals of ancient history. Later ancient civilizations would adopt them as deities for the knowledge they had taught. As another major civilization sprung up in the world, the ancient Egyptian civilization, the difference between the disciples of Harut and Marut would lead one of them to migrate from Babel to Egypt to find a fertile location for their form of dark arts to take root and become dominant. So the

disciples of Harut settled in Egypt while the disciples of Marut remained mainly in Babel. Thus the world came to know them as the priesthood of Horus in Egypt and the Priesthood of Marduk in Babylon.

The difference between the two dark arts is mentioned in numerous ancient texts but for the most part, the art of Horus was illusionary as it effected the mind through the retinas or eyes through exposure to certain chemicals, symbols and rituals etc. As the story of Moses speaks of the priests of the Pharaoh / Fir'aun causing the masses to perceive ropes as snakes completely fooling the eyes and causing the mind to lapse from reality. This form of dark art was represented by the one eye of Horus as it "fooled" the eye.

As for the art of Marduk, this form was far more sinister, it could summon demons and cause sicknesses through the deployment of these demons, as this form of dark art affected the spirit of individuals damaging the body of the person and causing horrible repercussions. It could also cause a husband to leave his wife, as it could twist temporarily the mind of the person, causing moment of temporal insanity. A lot of things in recent history have been blamed on this form of temporal insanity so much so it has become a part of traditional legal law in most countries around the world.

This art was so widespread and it gave the two priesthods of Egypt and Babylon so much power that it brought much of the world to its knees for centuries. It was not until Prophet Sulaiman was given dominion over the

earth that he brought this practice of the dark arts to temporal end. He confiscated all the books and transcripts of the dark arts from both Egypt and Babylon and he sealed them away. He outlawed the practice of black magic and the dark arts and made it punishable by death and he dealt with it severely with an iron fist giving the world a short recluse.

It was not until he death, that Satan along with his devils who were under slave labor to Prophet Sulaiman who was given dominion over them by God out of anger and vengeance began their ruthless campaign to misconstrue the life of Prophet Sulaiman telling the people where they could find the sealed books of black magic under his throne, thus purporting that the source of his power was not God after all but Black Magic. Thus the tales of the Lord of the Rings originates. As the ancient Jewish folklore portrays Prophet Sulaiman as deriving his power from a Ring given to him by a demon called Asmodeus thus giving Prophet Sulaiman, a “master sorcerer” ultimate power and dominion.

Of course which is all a lie. God gave Prophet Sulaiman dominion not only over men, but over the forces of nature, from wind to animals and he also gave him dominion over the unseen world, the Jinn. The word, “Jinn” comes from the arabic root which means, “to hide, or hidden”. They are hidden from our faculties of sight and hearing, some say due to being on a different dimension or spectrum of existence then us but that is only known to God. All that is known to us is that we do not see them but they can see us. God gave him dominion over the strong among the Jinn who were corrupt



and evil. Thus punishing them. They did tasks which he commanded them without their consent. As they were criminals and this was their prison time.

Among the things he tasked them with was the expanding of the Sanctuary of Jerusalem, or the “Temple” as it has come to be known. Among the chiefs “masons” would be called Asmadeus by practitioners of those who found these dark arts much later on and adopted them after uncovering their secrets while digging under the ruins of the Sanctuary or “Temple” where they were once sealed.

In effort to explain that the “Masons” of the Sanctuary of Jerusalem were bondaged “Devils” or “Shayateen” whom God gave Prophet Sulaiman dominion over for their evil which they spread across the lands, and Prophet ProphetSulaiman made them work tirelessly on many tasks one of which was the building of the Sanctuary or ancient “Temple”. Now these bondaged Masons after the death of Prophet Sulaiman ran free across the lands and out of vengeance, these newly Freed Masons took up a campaign to spread falsehood about the reign of Prophet ProphetSulaiman and the source of his power. So they exposed some of the Children of Israel after him to the sealed books of Black Magic and they claimed that was the source of his great power and not the Almighty Creator of all that exists.

The name “Freemasons” would later be inherited by their predecessors and the inheritors of their evil and corruption. They inherited most of the knowledge of the dark arts and black magic sealed under the ruins of the



Ancient Sanctuary in Jerusalem which they restlessly dug under the guise of searching for ancient christian artifacts. These men were then known as the Knights Templar.

Until today, the symbolism of their occult tradition glorifies the ones they inherited their knowledge from. We see it in the two pillars of Boaz and Jachin. One symbolizes the Night and the Other Day.

The Prophet Muhammad pbuh declared in an authentic hadith narrated from Jaabir (may Allaah be pleased with him) that he said: The Messenger of Allaah (peace and blessings of Allaah be upon him) said: “Do not let your animals and children go out when the sun has set, until the first part of the night is over, for the devils come out when the sun sets, until the first part of the night is over.”

The portal which lies between the two pillars of which the ones of great knowledge come through is the Nexus or the meeting of the Night and Day. As it is mentioned in ancient scriptures and the language of the Hadiths of the Prophet Muhammad as “The wings of the night”.

The theory of the art of Horus is exposed to us day and night through television screen, through the music we listen to and other outlets, and the art of Marduk effects our daily life in this modern society in which we live. To ignore the fact that Black Magic is excessively practiced on all and everyone of us, and our children is to have no shield against this constant line of attacks.

The Prophet Muhammad peace and blessing be upon him was given the remedy against the forces of the unseen and the dark arts. Unless we have these remedies we will fall prey and so will our families and our children. So the main intention of this article is to tell all those who read to constantly put to use the remedies given to us by the Final and Last Prophet and Messenger of God, and it lies in the pages and the verses of the Quran.

B. *Sihrin* the Interpretation of Fakhruddin al Razi

Among the verses of the Qur'an that discuss magic, the letteral-Baqarah: 102 and al-A'raf: 133-122 as the study of magic, the author describes the second paragraph, the letteral-Baqarah: 102 and al-A'raf: 133-122. The interpretation given by al-Razi that the letteral-Baqarah: 102 is associated with three periods, namely: the Jews during the Prophet Muhammad, the Jews earlier, and people who during Prophet Sulaiman.⁵³

This is relevant because most Jews do not believe in the prophethood of Prophet Sulaiman because they assume that the prophetic and the throne earned is because of magic. Al-Razi asserted that this verse proves that some Jews are more likely to the legacy book written by Ashif, a secretary of Sulaiman who writes as taught witchcraft demons. So when the Prophet came and getting complaints about the subject Prophet Sulaiman supposedly as a witch, then al-The Qur'an denies that apostates and use

⁵³Fakhruddin al-Razi, *Tafsir al-Kabir*, Vol. III., Dar Il-Fikr, Beirut, p 332

magic is the devil that devised. Propaganda that made the devil (although still debatable) who is meant by the word *syayathin*, *jinn* or demon of the type of humankind) can be seen in Cunnings' issues disseminated to the public that: activity done by devils is stealing news from the sky and transferring what is heard into written form in one book, but there are hidden, that is something which leads to the truth and converted into a hoax.

Included also with the knowledge of God communicated to Prophet Sulaiman, in the form of miracles. By demonstrating that information transformed and used as commodity issues a new science. Finally, devils disseminate and teach that we (demons) had known the unseen news. The power of Prophet Sulaiman berhsail royal control and subjugates the jinn, man, the wind and the other is not so because the science is this, as there is in this book, because we have known the heaven news before.

The above verse rejects any attempt to reform or buff performed by Jews, who do not believe about Prophet Sulaiman prophetic, that the Jews gained knowledge of magic of Prophet Sulaiman and Prophet Sulaiman acquired power not. Another is the magic of science.

Finally, God rehabilitates the reputation of Prophet Sulaiman which had been profaned by Jews with the word delivered to Prophet Muhammad in the Qur'an which states that apostates' science and practice is the devil for man to slip and follow the footsteps of Satan.



More details ar-Razi said that the magic etymology is anything that relies on smooth things and is obscured. But according to Islamic shari'ah it is understood as something that is not obvious why, is not in accordance with their original nature that has elements of the amulet (powerful and unseen things) as well as deceptive.

According to Razi magic developments are divided into several forms, namely :

Magic Kildanin and Kisdanin, that they as a generation The first who worshiped the stars and they consider it as Essence governing the universe. From it will be decreed anything good and bad, happiness and luck or wretched. Seeing the community of worshipers of God sent Ibrahim to give an explanation to the nation in order to follow what is being taught. In other words magic This is the kind of magic that relies on news from the sky, ranging from configuration of a star or other indication, such as weather.

1. Magic is based on prejudice owner/hunches and the power of lust. This magic is more emphasis on the power of instinct or lust that has been conditioned so as to make or change something without movement.
2. Magic that uses the help of a quiet soul, but of contemporary generation and Mu'tazilah do not believe This, because the spirit is basically divided into two, namely the spirit of good (genie believer) and evil spirits and demons (jinns and demons reject). As intended by the power of the spirit there There is a core strength in this universe. such the sun is

likened to the flame, the sea is associated with rain, associated with people's power. Therefore for can make rain or fire, one must master the core of forces (spirit) of such nature.

3. Relying on magic power of imaginative and sensual hoaxes especially the eye senses. This can be seen when one being on a ship, as if moving forward in sea while the ship stopped. It shows behold something stopped (stationary) will be seen to move and the move will be seen still. This shows that the power of the senses (eye) is very weak, so that the data received from sensory nerves could be wrong or mistaken, so that between the reality with what is seen and felt is not the same.
4. Magic is based on acts or strange behavior or remarkable that protrudes from several sets of equipment can move as a ploy/trick. It can be seen in the days of Pharaoh / Fir'aun, that the ropes were thrown as if life.
5. Magic that relies on specialized equipment, such as a cigarette that can make a person unconscious.
6. Magic that relies on knowledge of theism (mala'dham) so that the jinn will be subject to all matters toward the person.
7. Magic associated with pitting effort.

Ar-Razi therefore more likely that witchcraft in essence is not ugly and is not prohibited. It is according to the nature of expert agreement that the essence of science is noble. But the magic practitioner stating that all the forces that



govern the universe is the power of the stars/heavens or the like that is capable of making good and bad circumstances to the exclusion of God's power is *kufir*.

This means that the magic lead to polytheism and not in accordance with the teachings of the Lord is pagan. The belief that witchcraft exists, then it is not a problem, because all knowledge is belonging and of God, while the learned are not ban. As for being banned is the implementation of science. The. If it does not violate the law of God and the logic of humanity then it is not prohibited but otherwise if crashing even broken the power of God and violate human rights of humanity then it is prohibited. Though most all magic are done for the purpose of bad and deceptive.

While the penalty for a Muslim who came to witches and believe that the strength of sky and star-lah who organize and provide all the information well or bad which can cause life and happiness misery of life and the believers believe the person are regarded as infidels, apostates and this is the punishment for those convicted. Understanding infidels against the witches and magic devotee actually was based on the meaning of textuality (ma'na al-Kharijites) of paragraph that: "Prophet Sulaiman is not disbelieve, but the devils were disbelievers". Satan is a predicate infidels for having bewitched, that is changing truth into falsehood, thus misleading people. That is what is preached and practiced satanic deception merely that man slipped and became lifelong friends of devil.

Ar-Razi when encounter the letteral-A'raf: 113-122

Ar-Razi believes that when Moses descended as carriers of the instructions and warnings to his people, then Fir'aun stubborn and his people asking and questioning what make evidence that Moses was a prophet. With the permission of Allah who brought the stick into a serpent that Moses large as well as the release of the white light from the hand of the Prophet Moses.⁵⁴

Ar-Razi explains that the verse describes rebuff the physicists/expert nature of the changes in the form of a stick into a big snake. Therefore, what is shown (demonstrated by the prophet Moses) is the case that vanity (can not be accepted by any sense). It was based on an argument that changes one form into another form without no causality is highly unlikely, let alone of a small stick can be a very large snake. If it is believed, then it could be a young child born of a adoption without fertilization of a pair of men and women. Similarly, it could be a mountain changed into gold. That is what brought the prophet Moses and the trust it accepts a falsehood against him (something that is not accepted by the mind).

Pharaoh / Fir'aun people already struggling with the world of magic and foreign makes now witchcraft in the public eye, so when Moses with all of his miracles most of the people Pharaoh / Fir'aun (especially princes) states that what Moses was taken as the peak of witchcraft and sorcery, because has a

⁵⁴ *Ibid.*, p. 157- and so ..

goal on the power and leadership. This is why something is considered to be not in accordance with the laws of nature and reason do not receive it, Pharaoh / Fir'aun community call as magic.

This can be excused because of humiliation and it reveals the powerlessness of Pharaoh / Fir'aun in the miracle match Prophet Moses, so he sought help from the witches so Moses can win the argument. However, when the witches came to Pharaoh / Fir'aun and they ask for a fee/remuneration high, Pharaoh / Fir'aun with diplomatic language to say that he will provide substantial rewards if successful magician the miracles of the Prophet Moses beat. This is the magic weakness, that is why the witches do not want to change dust into gold, so that they can get rich quick, why it has not done? The witches are aware that their magic lies and there is no reality at all. This is a weakness magic⁵⁵

Eventually these problems (mistrust / doubt Pharaoh / Fir'aun community) answered with the argument that what happened to the prophet Moses is an exception, therefore for those who do not know the theoretical basis, they will reject it. What happened to the prophet Moses is something highly confidential and this is the gift of God to crippling hubris the magus. Therefore if there is something beyond reason, as happened in the past prophetic, then it is something of glory (intercession).

⁵⁵*Ibid.*, hlm. 164

That is what is happening to the prophet and the believers is a common thing, if there is a blind man who runs from Andalusia in the darkness of the night and he looked right and left which occurred in the vicinity, whether it is something that does not make sense, but it's a phenomenon that occurs.

C. Sihr in the Interpretation Of Rasyid Rida

The interpretation of Rashid Ridha in his book *al-Manar*, it is more likely that what is presented in the *al-Manar* deals with magic, as stated in *al-Baqarah*: 102 is used as *al-tibar* or lesson that a right is right and that vanity is vanity, so Ridha not questioned whether these second person of the types of angels, jinn or human. When encountered letter *Rida* *al-A'raf*: 113-122 argues that: this is the function that brings the magic of lies and deception. This can be seen when Pharaoh's magician struck the human eye at that time so that they fantasize that what is seen and is said by experts magic is true. Therefore, when the witches threw their ropes, then suddenly as if a rope it became a snake who was opening his mouth while stuck out his tongue.⁵⁶

Finally Ridha explains that magic component consists on three elements:

⁵⁶Rasyid Ridha, *Tafsir al-Manar*, Juz I, Mesir, 1958, p. 396- and so

1. Ahoax and imagination (picture in wishful thinking/fantasy) that have no reality/reality.
2. Needing help from something that can be close to the reality of the devil, so that what is desired by witch will come true/happen with the help of the devil.
3. Closure is something from the original, so that the power of witches in changing the form of humans into animals is highly preferred. This is what is meant by covering the original form of human strength in changing the view; the eyes become donkey.⁵⁷

By knowing the difference between miracles with magic, hoped people would realize that what was done by shamans is magic mereruse. Ridla stated that the difference between the magic miracles is: if miracles only owned by the Prophet which are true, both in terms of aspect eccentric and intrinsic. So there is no difference between nature with what is seen and felt. For those who against it will not be able to defeat or change. While there are anomalies in the magic is something that is a mirage and a mereruse, because between the original form and with what is seen and felt is very contradictory.⁵⁸

He is more in agreement with what is stated in the editorial that Sulaiman was not using his magic powers in obtaining and running the royal government the large. It can be seen that the statement of the

⁵⁷*Ibid.*, 47

⁵⁸*Ibid.* .., 59



Qur'an express negation or refutation of the charges against the pagan and Jewish states that Sulaiman was a practitioner of magic, which can be proved that after the death of Sulaiman in the throne there is a book of writings about magic, but it is the cunning of Satan, so that humans sleep and are deceived so it will slip in persuasion and its temptation and away from the worship of God as the exalted are the stars and the news of the devil.

This is what is meant by the statement of the Qur'an that which is pagan (uses magic) is a demon, not Sulaiman. It means that prophet Sulaiman was clean and not involved (far) from the allegations of infidels and Jews.

D. The Similarity and Differences of Both Interpretation

After providing, understanding each of both interpretation, and comparing both of them, it can conclude some similarities and differences:

1. The similarity of Both Interpretation

- a. In writing their great book, they have same method. They interpreted verse by verse as sequence as the quranic verse. As basically due to sihr make other people's life in a danger both are having same opinion that practicing sihr is Haram or Forbidden
- b. Both of them interpreted al-Quran according to expert interpreters' opinion or reasoning of themselves. But they did not forget to excerpt the narrations of Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and his companions. They also excerpted some opinions of Islamic Scholars who expert in quranic exegesis.



2. The difference of Both Interpretation

The main difference between both interpretation is all about the result in implementation of Islamic law. Rasyid Ridha stated that *Sihri* is totally forbidden because it deceives people from its real condition, moreover *sihr* always tends to make people in danger. While Fakhruddin Ar-Razi said that learning about magic is not forbidden because actually magic is also knowledge from Allah, where the substance of science is available to be learnt. And not all magic is dangerous. It is *haram* or forbidden if magic could make danger for others.